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In re patent application of: )  
Daniel A. Brennan, et al. ) Before the Examiner  
Serial No. 10/749,641 ) Brian L. Swenson  
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PORTABLE UTILITY CARRIER ) January 24, 2006  
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Response to Restriction Requirement

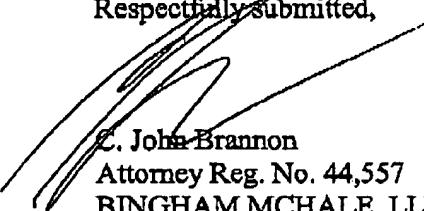
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2006, Applicants hereby elect, reserving the right to traverse the Restriction Requirement, the invention of Species I (Claims 1, 22) for continued prosecution in this application. Claims 2-21 and 23-32, directed more particularly at the remaining identified Species II-XIII, are hereby withdrawn from further consideration but reserved for purposes of pursuing continuing/divisional patent applications.

This application is believed to now be in condition for allowance. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his assistance in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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